

REMARKS

The Office has required a restriction between the following inventions:

1. Claims 1-20 drawn to a method of coloring an optical fiber;
2. Claims 21-25 drawn to a tandem coloring system;
3. Claims 26-27 drawn to a coloring dye for coloring an optical fiber; and
4. Claim 28 drawn to a colored optical fiber.

The applicant hereby elects the invention in Group I without traverse. Accordingly, applicant has canceled claims 21-28 without prejudice and reserves the right to file such claims in one or more divisional applications.

Applicant also adds new dependent method claims 29 and 30 to further define the invention. Because new claims 29 and 30 are drawn to the method of coloring an optical fiber, Applicant submits that these claims should be included in the elected Group I and examined on the merits with claims 1-20.

Please charge any deficiencies or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account 50-0309 (Reference No. 1048).

Respectfully submitted,

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